



# Blue Lake City Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Regular Council Meeting  
Skinner Store Building ~ 111 Greenwood Rd., Blue Lake ~ Behind City Hall

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Adelene Jones (Mayor), Chris Curran, Bobbi Ricca (Mayor Pro-Tem), Elaine Hogan

Councilmembers Absent: Summer Daugherty

Staff Present: City Manager Amanda Mager, City Clerk April Sousa

## **Approve Agenda**

Daugherty/Ricca *motion to approve the agenda as delivered.* The motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Comment**

Lin Glen, coordinator of Blue Lake CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and Blue Lake resident spoke about the recent power shutdowns. She noted concerns of community notification and communication of these events and other emergencies. City Manager Mager gave a little more comment on the process from the power shutoffs. Blue lake residents Dog Campbell and Diana Lynn also commented on communication needs.

Wendy Ring, a concerned citizen, asked for the Council to consider passing a resolution to phase out biomass by the year 2025. She also discussed the Comprehensive Action Plan for Energy, or the CAPE plan.

## **Proclamation: California Retired Teachers Week – November 3-9, 2019**

Mayor Jones gave a little information on this proclamation and a representative from the California Retired Teachers Association was present to accept the proclamation and answer questions.

Ricca/Daugherty *motion to proclaim November 3-9, 2019 as California Retired Teachers Week.* The motion carried unanimously. The mayor read the proclamation and photos were taken.

## **Proclamation: Zero Waste Day – November 15, 2019**

Neesh Wells, a student intern with Zero Waste Humboldt, gave an overview of Zero Waste Day. Lin Glen gave comments supporting the proclamation. City Manager Mager gave appreciation to Maggie Gainer and the Zero Waste team for all their efforts.

Hogan/Daugherty *motion to proclaim November 15, 2019 as Zero Waste Day.* The motion carried unanimously.

## **Public Hearing – Unmet Transit Needs**

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Philip Johnson from Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) gave a presentation on unmet transit needs in the county and the process.

Dot Campbell stated she noticed the new service on Saturdays to and from Willow Creek and Arcata every day. It was noted there is a \$2 fee to use this for users.

Mayor Jones advocated for free public transportation.

The need for more bike storage on the bus or at bus stations was discussed.

The public hearing closed at 7:24 p.m.

### **Presentation: HCAOG Blue Lake Rancheria Planning Study Scenarios**

Philip Johnson gave a presentation on behalf of the Blue Lake Rancheria on planning scenarios for transportation. These scenarios included various routes to Arcata, Fieldbrook, and McKinleyville, and how ridership of these would be estimated.

This was an information only presentation. No action taken.

**Presentation: Warren Cooley United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Highest and Best Use Report**  
City Manager Mager gave an overview of the process so far with the USDA grant that was received to do this study. Warren Cooley, who was chosen to complete the study, gave the council a final report of business and economic project possibilities for various locations in the City of Blue Lake. These locations were privately and governmentally owned.

This was an information only presentation. No action taken.

### **Resolution No. 1151: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake regarding the Annie and Mary Trail Right of Way**

This resolution was not prepared in time for the Council packet distribution. City Clerk Sousa presented the resolution to the Council and public for review and consideration. City Manager Mager answered clarifying questions of the Annie and Mary Trail project and the need for this resolution.

*Ricca/Daugherty motion to adopt Resolution NO. 1151: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Blue Lake regarding the Annie and Mary Trail Right of Way.* The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Revised Meeting Schedul for November and December 2019**

Due to the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, Council considered canceling those meetings and holding special meetings at alternate dates for both months. Consensus was given to hold a November special meeting on November 19, 2019 and a December special meeting on December 17, 2019.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a. **Minutes from September 24, 2019 Regular Meeting**
- b. **Warrants and Disbursements September 2019**

*Daugherty/Ricca motion to accept consent agenda as presented.* The motion carried unanimously.

### **Reports of Council and Staff**

**Hogan** – reported that she was unable to attend the Humboldt Waste Management Authority meeting. She did attend an industrial Hemp meeting by the Humboldt County Planning department. She noted she cannot make the next Public Safety Commission (PSC) meeting and asked alternate Councilmember Ricca to attend.

**Jones** – reported on the Humboldt County Association of Governments.

**Ricca** – reported on the Economic Development Commission meeting.

**Curran** – nothing to report

**Daugherty** – reported on Redwood Coast Energy Authority and noted she could not attend the next meeting. She asked alternate Councilmember Curran to attend. She also reported on the Redwood Region Economic Development Commission meeting and reminded everyone of the Fire Department barbecue on November 2.

**City Manager** – elaborated on the town square project and noted that when the appraisal comes back, there may be a closed session on this item. She also reported on the Powers Creek Bridge project, Planning Commission zoning discussions and an update on the salary schedule analysis.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Draft Noise Ordinance
- PSC Work Plan Presentation
- Biomass Resolution

- Blue Lake Rancheria Quarterly Update Presentation
- Zero Waste Policies

**Correspondence**

None

**Motion to Adjourn**

Daugherty/Curran *motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.*

*April Sousa, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Blue Lake*